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A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act enhancing the penalty for certain assaults against a
- 2 sports official.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. **708.2D** Assault against a sports 2 official.
- A person who commits a simple misdemeanor assault, as
- 4 described in section 708.2, subsection 6, against a sports
- 5 official, within the confines or immediate area of the athletic
- 6 facility or field at which an athletic contest is being or has
- 7 recently been held in which the sports official took an active
- 8 officiating role, is guilty of a serious misdemeanor.
- 9 2. For purposes of this section, "sports official" means
- 10 a person who serves as a referee, umpire, linesman, or
- ll other similar official at any athletic contest, and who is a
- 12 registered member of a local, state, regional, or national
- 13 organization which is engaged, in part, in providing education
- 14 and training related to officiating such athletic contests.
- 15 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- This bill enhances the penalty for certain assaults against 19 a sports official.
- 20 The bill provides that a person who commits a simple
- 21 misdemeanor assault against a person who is officiating an
- 22 athletic contest or against a person who has officiated in an
- 23 athletic contest, where the assault occurs within the confines
- 24 or immediate vicinity of the athletic facility or field where
- 25 the athletic contest is being or was held, is guilty of a
- 26 serious misdemeanor.
- 27 A serious misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no
- 28 more than one year and a fine of at least \$315 but not more than
- 29 \$1,875.